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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Maruyama

Serial No. 09/963,738

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Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: E. White

For: BASE MATERIAL FOR DRY DIRECT TABLETING COMPRISING LOW
SUBSTITUTED HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE

September 12, 2003

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action mailed June 12, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. Alternatively, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment as narrowing the issues for further consideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this document.